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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: June 24, 2024
Re: Joshua Agariel Escobar
Sex Offender Sentenced

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Jeff Laugero announced today that Joshua Agariel Escobar, age 26, of Turlock was sentenced on June 14, 2024, to 22 years state prison after being convicted of the following crimes: Two counts of continuous sexual abuse of a child under the age of 14, (PC § 288.5(a)). Furthermore, as to both counts the defendant admitted the factors in aggravation whereby the victims were particularly vulnerable, and the defendant took advantage of a position of trust.

On April 16, 2024, the defendant entered his no contest plea to the crimes. Deputy District Attorney Sara D. Sousa prosecuted the case for the People.

The charges stem from the abuse of two confidential minor victims, both under the age of 14. The defendant continuously sexually abused confidential victim #1 between 2016 and 2022. The defendant continuously sexually abused confidential victim #2 between 2014 and 2020.

The defendant willingly participated in the criminal investigation and admitted to his crimes.

Upon entry of the no contest plea the Honorable Judge Shawn Bessey sentenced Escobar to 22 years in state prison. These convictions will require Escobar to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

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